

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments**

**ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 4006**

Introduced by

Senators Hogue, Wardner

Representatives Carlson, Bellew, Klemin, Nathe

1 A concurrent resolution to create and enact a new section to article III of the Constitution of
2 North Dakota, relating to approval of petitions for proposed initiated constitutional amendments
3 by the attorney general before circulation.

4 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

5 This measure would prohibit the circulation of a petition to initiate a constitutional amendment if
6 the attorney general determines the proposed amendment would make a direct appropriation of
7 public funds for a specific purpose or would require the legislative assembly to appropriate
8 funds for a specific purpose.

9 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF**
10 **REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

11 That the following proposed new section to article III of the Constitution of North Dakota is
12 agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the primary
13 election to be held in 2014, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of
14 North Dakota.

15 **SECTION 1.** A new section to article III of the Constitution of North Dakota is created and
16 enacted as follows:

17 Before the secretary of state may approve a petition to initiate a constitutional amendment,
18 the secretary of state shall forward the proposed amendment to the attorney general for review.
19 The attorney general shall review the proposed amendment to determine whether the proposed
20 amendment would make a direct appropriation of public funds for a specific purpose or would
21 require the legislative assembly to appropriate funds for a specific purpose. If the attorney
22 general determines that the proposed amendment would make a direct appropriation of public
23 funds for a specific purpose or would require the legislative assembly to appropriate funds for a
24 specific purpose, the secretary of state shall notify the committee for the petitioners that the
25 petition may not be approved for circulation.